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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Union Commissioner visited India during the last week of January, 2001;

(b) if so, the subjects of mutual interest discussed with him; and

(c) the agreement reached during his visit?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir. Mr. Christopher Patten, European Commissioner for External Affairs visited India in the last week of January, 2001.

(b) Commissioner Patten called on the Minister for External Affairsand some other dignitaries. He also met the Finance Minister on January 29, 2001. During this meeting, he expressed sympathy for the victims of the Gujarat earthquake. Issues relating to Bilateral Development Cooperation, Investments and WTO also came up for discussion.

(c) No formal agreement was signed during the Commissioner`s visit.